

EDITORIALS

A New Factor

A new factor has entered the battle for road and free-way construction in the south coastal area of Los Angeles County.

Announced plans for a new regional shopping center in Torrance, designed to be one of the largest such centers in the nation, have added the probability of additional thousands of cars on the area's roadway system each day because of the commercial activity in the area—something which has not been too pressing to date.

Fourteen members of the Inter-City Highway Committee will go to Sacramento next week to appear before the California Highway Commission with a request for an accelerated program of construction on the San Diego and Harbor Freeways to alleviate the intolerable traffic situation here now.

With hundreds of thousands of aircraft and other manufacturing plant employees using roads that have not been expanded during the past decade, the addition of a new major commercial center here, added to another center now under construction near by, will probably bring traffic to a standstill during peak hours in the area.

The Commission should give the area its thoroughfares.

A Real Crisis

Because business and industry are fading (in what should be the homestretch in their heat of the race against time), Torrance stands to lose \$1,500,000 in State and Federal grants for a desperately needed new hospital.

Thus far industry has pledged considerably less than one half its quota to the proposed new Little Company of Mary hospital. This despite the inspiring single gift of \$100,000 from General Petroleum and gifts of \$20,000 by Carbide and Chemicals and \$17,000 by National Supply.

Definite, positive action must be shown immediately if the deadline of April 4, when the State Advisory Hospital Council will meet to consider the priorities of State and Federal allocated funds, is met.

A genuine emergency exists and to that end Chairman Sam Levy and Industrial Chairman Gerald Revell called a "crisis" meeting for Wednesday evening. Every industry was asked to be represented at this meeting to hear the full story.

The need for the great new hospital is so acute that failure to meet this obligation will be a catastrophe. An alternative will be a District hospital on which the taxpayers will be taxed for years and years to come.

A Laurel Added

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce deserves the compliments of the city for adding another laurel to the city's crown at the International Flower Show now in progress at Hollywood Park.

Under the capable direction of Florist Johnny Johnson, the city's exhibit at the flower show, which boldly emphasizes Torrance All-America City status, won a Special Award and was one of the exhibits selected for inclusion in the "Success Story" telecast from the show on its opening.

Through such unselfish efforts will the city of Torrance achieve its proper recognition among the many cities of the Southland.

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

Reader Asks 'Wha' Happen'

Young Hoods
Editor, Torrance Herald:
Congratulations on your bold editorial of Thursday last concerning young hoods. I took the liberty of quoting from it. I believe it was most timely and will do a great deal of good.
P. J. McGUINNESS,
Pastor, Nativity Catholic Church,
Torrance.

Red Cross Help
Editor, Torrance Herald:
There are many fund campaigns going on now in Torrance and one of the annual campaigns is the Red Cross. March is Red Cross month and since volunteers are not very plentiful, we are urging prospective contributors to mail their checks to Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster, c/o Torrance, Torrance.
By doing this, Torrance residents will help "All America City of Torrance" reach the Red Cross goal of \$3000. This money will help aid families in need and will keep the bloodmobile trucks rolling into Torrance.
VIRGINIA JONES,
Publicity, Red Cross

Thrilling Moment
Editor, Torrance Herald:
Mrs. Bolotin and all of Room 6 wish to thank you for showing us all around the Torrance HERALD office. We appreciated it, as it will help us in putting out

the Greenwood Midget (our school newspaper).
We had never been in a newspaper office before, so it was a thrilling moment for all of us. We were so amazed how complex it was to put out a newspaper.
Thank you for teaching us so much about the newspaper business.
MARILYN LEONE,
Class Secretary,
Room 6, Grade 6,
Greenwood School,
Torrance.

Note of Thanks
Editor, Torrance Herald:
It is felt by the students and staff at Torrance High that a note of thanks be extended to you and your associates for the excellent coverage you are giving to all our high school activities.
We look forward to even closer harmony and cooperation between your paper and our school in publicizing the events which have given us the reputation of an ever progressive community.
L. L. BERESKIN,
Student Activities Advisor,
CARL R. AHEE,
Principal.

Coffin Corner
Editor, Torrance Herald:
Some time ago you wrote several articles about the terrible traffic hazard at Torrance Blvd., where the three lanes of traffic become two

Interested Spectorator



THE FREELANCER — by Tom Rische

Anyone Here for a Cliche

Cliche, anyone?
A cliche is an expression sometimes described as trite or hackneyed. In plain words, too many people use it to much. Newspapers are well acquainted with most of the gamut of cliches which can be used and, in fact, have their own set of trite expressions which are used, often because they fit nicely into headlines.

It's a heck of a job to get a brainstorm of some bright, new witticisms. Most people jog along in the same old ruts, using the same old expressions that grandmother used to use. When some egg-head comes onto the scene with a sparkling new expression, every Tom, Dick, and Harry latches onto it and pretty soon, it's old hat.

Everybody filches somebody else's brainchild and tries to pass it off as his own. Who was it that said, "There's nothing new under the sun"? New ideas really are few and far between and when one appears on the stage, it's quickly snapped up.

Cliches are really jabberwocky, when you think about it. They're the nuts. If you try to put two and two together and make some rhyme or reason out of their literal

meanings, you may find yourself up a tree.
For instance, being up that well-known creek without a paddle, is a common cliche, but a foreigner trying to figure out the meaning would be stumped himself.

But how dull this old world would be if we didn't try to add a little flavor to our palaver by spicing it up with some juicy tidbits of off-beat expressions.
Everybody under the sun borrows a few choice quotes here and there to add a little sparkle to the conversation. There would be nothing squarer than the comment, "She isn't very pretty, is she?" when you could say, "She's homely as a mud fence."

Some Joes seem to get the idea that once they latch onto an expression, it's strictly their property. How wrong can they be? What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the

gander. Give a little, get a little. Somebody else furnished the brains for part of their brainstorm, so why shouldn't a third party make off with some of it? Even geniuses blow hot and cold.

It'll be cold day in hell when a grade A, number one original idea is born. Lots of people build better mousetraps and the world beats a path to their doors. But somebody else did at least part of their thinking for them.
I've got a bone to pick with the people who never do an honest day's work in their lives, but these buzzards pick the bones of other people's efforts and pass them off as their own. I'm making a flat statement that some of these leeches spend their time making hay by putting the finger on somebody else's bread and butter.

A cliche by any other name might sound better.
Cliche, anyone?

GLAZED BITS By Barney Glazer

This World Is 'Clock-Eyed'

Come to think of it, there is one thing harder than a diamond—paying for it.

To have a delightful town to live in, be a delightful person to live beside.

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

Medical advice to the hustling businessman: the rest of your days depends on the rest of your nights.

Don't believe in a half truth. It may be the wrong half.

Who remembers the good old days when a baby sitter was called "mother"?

Trouble with our modern workers today is that they're living in a clock-eyed world.

Am I the first to call expectant mothers: "Ladies in Waiting"?

Little girl: "We have a new baby at our house." Little boy: "Is he staying?" Little girl: "I guess so. He has his clothes off."

Friend of mine broke his back while exercising his horse. This is a warning to all husbands to let their wives exercise the horse.

Bob Vincent pines for the

good old days when an office boy asked for the day off to attend his grandfather's funeral. Nowadays, the kids ask for the day off so they can attend their grandfather's fourth wedding.

Folks next door painted their house the same color as mine. Now I know how a woman feels when she meets another woman wearing the same dress.

Gene Sherman says a little woman is a dangerous thing.

It never fails — the man who moves out of the city and buys 10 acres of ground just to avoid his neighbors' noise usually winds up complaining that the crickets keep him awake.

Men's faults are many, women have only two: everything they say and everything they do.

How movies are written: take a good book about a bad girl and produce a bad film about a good girl.

Men, if you're past 40, follow Alexander Woolcott's advice: "Whenever you feel the urge to exercise, lie down in a quiet corner until the urge passes."

Men! Do you get up at 8 a.m. and find fault with everything your wife does? Why don't you wake up at 6 a.m. and have two extra hours to hate her?

A sucker is a man who falls for a girl's legs and then makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

Congratulations to my second cousin who has become

YOUR PROBLEMS — by Ann Landers

Let Mama Try Her Hand

Dear Ann Landers: I'm an attractive girl, 18, who has dated many fellows but I've never met one I'd like to settle down with. I figure there's plenty of time for that.

My mother has different ideas. She's been divorced twice and considers herself an authority on men. She says I won't always be youthful and pretty and the time to grab a catch is when I'm at the peak of freshness and beauty.

She has the man all picked out for me. In some ways I know she's right and it's very confusing. Her choice is a widower, 44, with three children. He's kind and would be a wonderful husband. He owns apartment buildings and stores and lives in a beautiful home on a hill. He told Mom he'd marry me tomorrow.

What shall I do? I'm not in love with anyone and maybe I never will be. Mom says she married for love twice and it's the bunk. I know she wants the best for me. Is this it?—Bonnie Lass.

I hate to tell a girl her mother wants her to marry a man for his money but she probably doesn't know of any other way you can get it. Your mother ought to get the dollar sign off her eyeballs long enough to count his years instead of his bankroll. She'll find that "her choice" is old enough to be your father.

In fact, this isn't a bad idea. I'll bet this widower is a lot nearer her age than yours. Since he's such a "catch" and she's an "expert" tell her to "catch" him for herself.

Dear Ann: I've been reading your column for a long time and think well of your advice. In fact, I believe the advice you give is sometimes better than you suspect.

Recently you told "B-Ball," who was considering taking female monkey hormones to stimulate the growth of hair, that this would only serve to increase his desire for peanuts.

Did you know that peanuts contain a very high percentage of inositol which is a member of the vitamin B Complex family... and inositol promotes the growth of hair?—Dr. I.L.

Dear Ann: We have three children 11, 10 and 6. My husband's mother made her home with us for many years and we all loved her dearly.

Now she's in the hospital dying of an incurable disease and the doctors say she can't live more than four or five weeks.

Grandma keeps asking to see the children but my husband refuses to let me bring them to her bedside. He says they'll be frightened if they see how much weight she's lost. He says it would be cruel to subject the kids to the sight of her suffering and he'd like them to remember Grandma as she was.

He also says the children will not be permitted to attend the funeral. We've been having some serious differences of opinion and I need some advice to fall back on. Please, Ann, give us your views on this very important subject. Several of our friends are as confused as we are.—M.J.B.

Children should not be shielded forever from the knowledge that sickness, grief—and even death—are a part of life. A brief visit to see their grandmother will serve to acquaint them with a very real side of living which must be met sooner or later.

Your reaction to the situation will be highly contagious, for children learn by example. If you are calm, sensible and strong they will not be hysterical and shaken.

The 11- and 10-year-olds should be permitted to attend the funeral but a 6-year-old should be left with friends. He would not understand, and might cause a disturbance.

Confidentially: To the gal who wrote a 32-page letter and no signature: Give your husband the attention you give Tom and maybe he'll be "madly in love with you," too.

F.H.C.: See a marriage counselor at once or you'll be needing an ambulance. This isn't what marriage is like, really.

Mrs. J.D.: You need a third party to mediate this. Doesn't he know that marriage is supposed to be a partnership? Yeah, even where that precious car is concerned.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)
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LAW IN ACTION

Laws of Revenge

WRONGS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Our Anglo-Saxon and Norman forefathers, like the early California Indians, for instance, saw little difference between a public offense (a crime) and a private wrong (a tort).

For them a man and his clan had a duty to wreak revenge upon anyone harming any of them.

To keep down violence (and also fill their pockets) the feudal prince and later the king took over the job of keeping the peace.

They set up pay schedules ("botts") for various injuries an offender might do. The king might outlaw a man who failed to pay his "bott," and then anyone could kill him.

For stubborn offenders the king could impose death or the lash. What hurt, too, was that an offender might lose his land to the crown, the king's stake in keeping the peace.

King Canute (1016-1035 A.D.), for instance, punished his subjects for breach of the king's peace, horsebreaking, ambush, receiving outlaws, and neglect of the summons to the army.

The "king's peace" did not hold for all places all the time, but only all places sometimes or some places all the time: Everywhere during the great church feasts, always in the king's house and on his highways.

Much later "any act of violence anywhere" would break the king's peace to become a crime.

Only as tiny dukedoms became large nations, and they

became democratic did such offenses become "crimes" against the people. Today an accusation reads "The People of California versus John Doe."

Crimes may be acts or failures to act. One who condones a crime or conceals a criminal may become himself a criminal. In English common law, if you did not raise a "hue and cry" to capture a felon, you committed a misdemeanor. In California—where all crimes must be set out in the code and there are no common law crimes—it's a crime to take pay to keep quiet about a crime.

Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

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